

City of Evansville **Economic Development Committee**
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 17, 2023 6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order. Brooks called meeting to order at 6:15 pm

2. Roll Call:

	Present/Absent	Others Present
Chair James Brooks	P	Com. Dev. Director Colette Spranger
Ben Ladick, Vice Chair	A	Jason Sergeant, City Administrator
Jon Alling	P	
Sue Berg	P	
Brandon Rutz	A	
Pat Carr	P	
Gabe Schrader	A	

3. Motion to Approve Agenda by Berg, seconded by Alling, approved unanimously.

4. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the February 20, 2023 regular meeting and approve them as printed, by Berg, seconded by Alling, approved unanimously.

5. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the March 20, 2023 regular meeting and approve them as printed, by Berg, seconded by Alling, approved unanimously.

6. Civility Reminder. Brooks stated the committee of the City’s commitments to civil discourse.

7. Citizen Appearances, other than listed agenda items.

8. Monthly Report

A. Community Development Report. Spranger gave the report, recounting recent plan commission approvals, recent ribbon cuttings and other business updates, development updates about the City.

B. Chamber of Commerce Report. No report;

C. Tourism Commission Report. Berg gave a lively update summarizing the Tourism Commission’s most recent meeting. Brooks gave an update regarding street flowers.

9. Discussion.

A. Business Summit Ideas and Task Assignment. Ongoing discussion regarding potential outcomes for the 2023 Business Summit. The summit held in 2008 included lots of

involvement with focus groups and interviews prior to the summit, which resulted in a full-on economic development plan. That plan is now incorporated as part of the comprehensive plan. Consensus was that the summit should focus more on businesses as individual organizations versus economic development, which would look at bigger picture issues affecting the business climate. Special meeting planned for May 1st to continue planning work for the summit.

9. **Next Meeting Dates:** Monday, May 15th, 2023 at 6:00pm.